

SENIOR SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Middletown Senior Center

150 William Street

March 1, 2011

5:00 PM

1. Members Present: Councilman David Bauer, Councilman Ron Klattenberg, Commissioners: Ed Dypa, Annabelle Malone, Cheryl Jackson, Pat Jackowski, Phyllis Pollock and Ed Rubacha

Absent: William Wasch, Interim Program Manager, Stephan Allison

Staff Present: Raymond A. Santostefano, Interim Senior Center Director and Heidi Geores, Senior Center Staff

General Public: None

2. Meeting Called to Order: Called to order at 5:03.

3. Public Hearing: None

4. Approval of October Minutes: Motion was made by Councilman Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Jackowski to approve Minutes of the January 4, 2011 meeting. Minutes approved.

Departmental Reports:

Director Raymond A. Santostefano:

- Senior Center office staff has begun handing out parking permits for patrons to post in their vehicles while parked in the lot leased from the synagogue.
- More donations are being made to the Senior Center
- Friday afternoon dinners continue - \$3.00 per person. Average attendance to the dinners is about 40 participants.
- Request for funding has been submitted to Senior Resources for money to support Preventative Health programs, transportation and exercise equipment. Effective date of the grant is October 1, 2011.
- Closing on St. Sebastian School will take place on Monday, March 7 at 3:00 in Room 208 of City Hall.
- CRT used the Senior Center kitchen as a staging point for the Meals on Wheels program for about a week due to snow damage at their regular site.
- Former Secretary of State Susan Bysiewicz visits the center to speak with patrons.

Program Updates – Stephan Allison

- Stephan Allison, Interim Program Manager submitted a brief written report on Programs and Activities

Old Business

- Update on new site – Closing on Monday, March 7 at 3:00 in room 208 of City Hall. Senior Center Building Committee will be presented at the next Common Council meeting.
- Update on Triad – Triad Yellow Dot Program is going well. Information is being distributed throughout the community. Approximately 8 people participated in the Yellow Dot session facilitated by Water's Edge. The next session will be held on March 22 from 9:00 – 11:00 am. 28 people from AARP signed up for the program at St. Pius Church.
- This fall the City's annual Youth Health and Safety Day will be expanded to offer information for seniors. More information to follow.
- The Triad will raise funds by collecting used cell phones for recycling. Drop off sites are at People's Bank, The Day Club – adult day care center on Miner Street and the Senior Center.

New Business:

- New bus driver is a Dattco driver, is knowledgeable about the area and will drive for center part time. Center now has two drivers.

Miscellaneous:

- The Middletown Policing Advisory Council is forming. So far there are representatives from 7 groups.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Jackson, Commissioner